

The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on

June 15, 2006

At the

William Powers Building

Conference Room A

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

592nd

Meeting 1:00 p.m.

June 15, 2006

1. Call to order.

**2. Appeals: 06-04 75 Wood Street
Bristol, RI**

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.

4. Correspondence.

5. Committee Reports

6. Legislation

7. Old Business.

8. New Business.

9. Announcements

10. Adjourn

1. Mr. Howe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Appeals: No appeals were held this meeting. Appeal 06-04 was postponed until the June 15, 2006 meeting.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gagnon. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Committee Reports:

a. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. Pagliaro said the Certification Subcommittee interviewed three candidates and motioned the following:

To approve Mr. Edward Civito as Alternate Building Official for the City of Providence.

To approve Mr. Gordon Preiss as Certified Eligible Building Official.

To disapprove Mr. Alfred Contente as Certified Eligible Building Official or Building Inspector. Mr. Contente did not meet the

requirement of three years experience in the construction field.

Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. Mr. Preiss recused himself. The motion was unanimously passed.

b. Plumbing Committee

Mr. Pagliaro said that the 2006 Plumbing Code Committee met and completed their review of the IPC and will continue to work on the residential portions in the IRC 2006 next week.

c. Mechanical Subcommittee

Mr. Turner expressed concern that the Mechanical Subcommittee has not resolved issues regarding smoke dampers. It was decided that the Mechanical Sub-committee will schedule to meet on June 15, 2006 and, at Mr. Turner's request, will invite Mr. Don Wilkinson.

6. Legislation:

a. Separation of Powers Bill

Mr. DeDentro informed the Committee on the status of the Separation of Powers bills. House Bill H6754 was vetoed by the Governor on April 3, 2006. Companion Senate Bill S2138 was passed by the House on May 24th and the Senate has not acted on it as of this date.

b. Bill for Licensing of Lightning Protection Contractors

Mr. DeDentro said he submitted a position paper to oppose a bill to license lightning protection contractors. He said that the bill in the present form is defective in that there is no enforcement mechanism or applicable code to enforce.

7. Old Business:

a. Gas Stoves in Lofts

Mr. DeDentro said that the Gas Code Subcommittee has not yet met to discuss a gas range being in a loft-style apartments where there is no compartmented sleeping room.

b. PUC standards for appliances

Mr. DeDentro said he has not seen the final version of the PUC standards. He understands that they did pass as submitted and are now on the Secretary of State's Regulations website.

c. Rehab Board

Mr. DeDentro said he attended an IEBC seminar in Connecticut. He said the State of Connecticut has incorporated the International

Building Code into the NFPA 1, NFPA 101 and International Fire Code. He said it appeared much more simplified than the Rehab Code. Mr. Howe suggested that copies of the HUD publication “Guideline on Fire Ratings of Archaic Materials and Assemblies will be helpful for members of the Rehab Code. It was agreed that the five members of this Board would arrange a meeting to see how we can move forward on the Building Code portion of the Rehab Code.

d. Wawaloam Interpretation

Mr. Brown said he received a copy of a letter from the Town Solicitor but has heard nothing else about the Wawaloam.

e. Committee Appointments

Mr. DeDentro said that the Board members should contact the Governor’s Office regarding their appointments to this Board. He said he received an e-mail from Mr. DePace stating that he has been confirmed by the Senate for reappointment and, Mr. DePace said he will make every effort to attend the future meetings of the Building Code Standards Committee.

8. New Business:

a. Mr. Joseph Cirillo’s appointment to the US Access Board

Mr. DeDentro informed the Committee that Mr. Cirillo has been appointed by Senator Chaffee to the US Access Board, which is the lead Federal agency on accessibility for persons with disabilities and accessible design.

b. Cyanide Poisoning

Mr. Turner said that there was an article in the Providence Journal summarizing a report regarding cyanide poisoning for fire fighters. Mr. Turner questioned how this would impact this Committee, particularly where we have approved a new material containing plastic lumber. Mr. Howe suggested we request the cyanide report from the Providence fire department. Mr. DeDentro said that after we have reviewed the entire report, we will send a letter on behalf of this Committee to Chief Costa, Providence Fire Marshal, to offer this Board's assistance in any way.

c. Reappointment of Deputy Building Code Commissioner

Mr. Carlson expressed a concern that the Deputy Building Code Commissioner's position has not been filled and in the absence of the Building Code Commissioner there is no one to succeed him in this position. After some discussion, Mr. Carlson volunteered to send a letter to the Governor and will bring a draft letter to the next meeting. Mr. Newbrook motioned that Mr. Carlson draft a letter. Mr. Pagliaro seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

9. Announcements:

Mr. DeDentro recommended adding a new category to the Minutes called “Announcements”.

a. Resignation of Mr. Jack Maloney

Mr. DeDentro said that member Maloney will be submitting his resignation to the Building Code Standards Committee.

b. ICC President’s Visit

Mr. DeDentro said the Mr. Henry Greene, President of ICC, is coming to New England next week. Mr. DeDentro said that Mr. Greene will tour Rhode Island on Monday and on Tuesday Mr. Greene will speak at a joint meeting of the Connecticut Building Officials Association and the RI Building Official’s Association at the Quonset “O” Club from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Mr. DeDentro said it is an open meeting and if any Board members are interested in attending, please call him.

10. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. turner the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Standards Committee

Members Present: R. Brown, J. Carlson, S. Turner, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, D. Palmisciano, G. Preiss, J. Pagliaro

Members Absent: B. Davey, R. Collins, G. Chabot, A. Durand, R. DeBlois, R. Stillings, J. Gaskell, P. DePace, M. Lowenstein, L. Gemma, J. Maloney, M. Stoeckel.

**Staff Members Present: D. DeDentro, T. Coffey, E. Gordon
Absent: None**

The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.